

House Study Bill 16 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HOLT)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to sexual abuse in the second degree.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 709.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The other person is ~~under the age of twelve~~ a child.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to sexual abuse in the second degree.

8 Current law provides that sexual abuse in the second degree
9 includes when sexual abuse involves a person under the age of
10 12.

11 The bill provides that sexual abuse in the second degree
12 includes when the sexual abuse involves a child. Code section
13 702.5, defines "child" as any person under the age of 14.

14 Sexual abuse in the second degree is a class "B" felony
15 punishable by confinement for no more than 25 years.